

TIDE PREPARES TO STAGE SCRIMMAGE IN EL PASO TODAY

Brief "Workout" For Squad, Schedule For Afternoon

FLORAL FROM MRS. HUBERT

Pooley's Mother At Meridian, Gives Token of Love

ALABAMA SPECIAL, NEAR EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 23.—(AP)

The Crimson Tide gathered up the moleskins today, ready to break the steady westward march with another pause of several hours in El Paso. A brief rest and a work-out for the team was the program after arrival at noon.

A fast scrimmage constituted the practice order.

Departure in the evening for Tucson, Arizona, the next stop, suggested to the party that Pasadena loomed ahead, but to the team and students the New Year's game with Stanford University was, for the time, the background. Players were eating everything in sight and a glee club quartette, assisted by hefty guards and tackles who, somehow, managed a first tenor, relieved the tiresome journey with songs and cheering.

Wishes for luck and the admiration of hundreds of friends and supporters were represented on the train by two tokens, one an object of superstition, the other of affection. A floral wreath was presented to the team by Mrs. Marie Hubert, "Pooley," full-back on last year's team, figured in the argument as to who threw the pass that beat Washington University 20 to 19 in the 1925 tournament of Roses.

Hoyt Winslett, crack end, furnished the superstitious by keeping company with a rabbit's foot.

TWO DRY AGENTS HELD IN DRY CASE

Whiskey Alleged To Have Been Found On Officer

EVERGREEN, Ala., Dec. 23.—(AP)

Charged with the violation of the prohibition law, two state law enforcement officers, Harry Nelson and W. L. Dunn, were placed under arrest here at the request of Sheriff Barfield, of Conecuh county, who claims the officers took ten gallons of whiskey from the jail here without permission of the sheriff.

The whiskey, officers said, was found in possession of Nelson in Montgomery.

Postmaster Day Is Keeping Busy

By Grace Hamilton, Albany High School
Here they come,
There they go,
Packages traveling,
To and fro."

"Yes, we're pretty busy now?" said L. R. Day, Albany postmaster. "Christmas business has opened up in a lively way, and promises to continue in the same manner. Parcels are already pouring in and we will probably be even busier than we were last year."

The avalanche of Christmas cards has not begun yet, Mr. Day said. The majority of cards will be handled the day before Christmas.

PASTORS!

Kindly have your church announcements and advertisements in the Daily office as early Friday morning as possible. The Daily—Christmas Eve edition will go to press at noon Friday, copy submitted after nine o'clock cannot be handled. Respectfully,

The Management

Augusta Council Says Cobb Among Greatest

SINCLAIR AND FALL MUST STAND TRIAL, RULING OF JUSTICE

Destitutes Are Few This Year In Local City Halls

'Bums' of Past Years Not In Evidence During Season

Conspiracy Charge Is Not 'Quashed' On Defense Motion

NOT GUILTY, IS PLEA OF PAIR

Defense Declares Its Readiness To Go Ahead with Trial

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)

—Harry F. Sinclair and Albert B. Fall must stand trial for conspiracy in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, Justice Jennings Bailey ruled in the District of Columbia supreme court today in refusing the motions to quash the indictments against them.

Immediately after the ruling, the two defendants were arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Justice Bailey, in refusing to quash the indictments, ignored the plea that the government had wrongfully singled the two men out for unusual prosecution, through the appointment at the request of the senate, of special counsel to conduct the case.

Before Justice Bailey made his ruling, defense counsel announced that there would be no further appeal and that their clients were ready to proceed to trial with the case which had its inception in the famous senate oil investigation of 1924.

Fall, last week, was acquitted with Edward L. Doheny in a conspiracy case, involving the leasing of the Elk Hill, California, naval oil reserves, but today's formalities furnished the first occasion for appearance for trial of Sinclair.

Minstrel And Road Results Talked At Meeting

Final reports on the recent minstrel and the solicitation of funds for the repair of Decatur Courtland road were made today at the regular weekly meeting of the Albany-Decatur Kiwanis club.

Chairman H. L. Peterson, of the ticket sales committee for the minstrel, estimated that the club would clear close to \$800 on the minstrel. He took occasion to thank the various committeemen who worked with him in making the seat sale a success.

Chairman D. D. Burleson, handling the road funds, reported that his campaign had proved successful and that some little money had been left over from the repair of the road. The club voted to leave the expenditure of the extra sum to the committee now handling the thoroughfare.

SCHOOLS BEGIN HOLIDAY PERIOD

Students Out Of The Classrooms Until January 3rd

Public schools of Albany and Decatur today began their Christmas holiday periods.

The school system of each city today marked the beginning of the holidays with appropriate exercises, as a culmination of abbreviated Thursday sessions. Each system plans to reconvene on January 3, the same date that most of the higher institutions of learning will begin their after-holiday sessions.

Davis Installed At Next Meeting

H. R. Davis, president of the Kiwanis club for the year 1927, will be installed at the final meeting of the year, the night of December 30. Mr. Davis succeeds A. A. Jones, retiring chief.

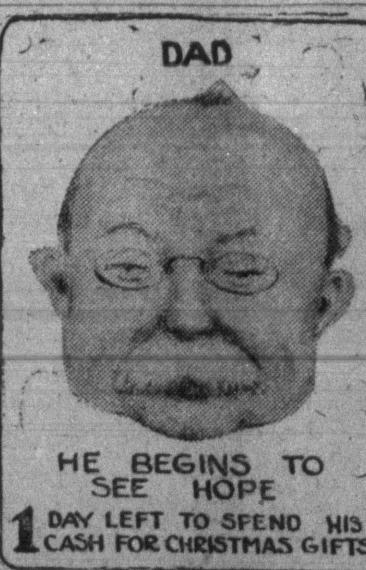
Reports of all activities likewise will be heard in the final 1926 meeting, chairman of various committees reporting work done through the entire year.

UNUSUAL TREE

One of the unusual Christmas trees displayed here was that of the Morgan County National Bank. The tree was placed on a second-floor balcony, immediately above the bank's main entrance and is lighted with electric bulbs every evening.

OFFICES REMODELED

The offices of Drs. Chenault and Chenault, well known local physicians, corner Second avenue and Moulton street, are being extensively remodeled. When the improvements are completed the offices will be among the most attractive and convenient in this section.



HE BEGINS TO SEE HOPE
1 DAY LEFT TO SPEND HIS CASH FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

RESOLUTION GOES TOWARD FAVOR OF TIGER CHIEFTAIN

Home Town Brands Charges As Untrue Against Cobb

TOWNSMEN TO WELCOME TY

Friends Will Rally To Cause of Their Sport Idol

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—(AP)

—Ty Cobb's friends plan to welcome him home today as affectionately as they bid him goodbye a short time ago and with testimonials of their belief in "his honesty, probity, and integrity."

Cobb is scheduled to arrive at 6:30 o'clock tonight. Fellow townsmen will greet him at the train and the spirit prevailing among them is that which caused the city council to resent the charge of misconduct against him in a formal resolution last night.

The charge of a former Detroit player that Cobb agreed to bet on a game in 1919 and then arranged that his team would win was branded by the council as "untrue and an act of vindictiveness."

The resolution was adopted as a means of "asserting our complete confidence in the honesty, probity and integrity of Tyrus Raymond Cobb."

The council described Cobb as "our esteemed citizen and the world's greatest baseball player."

"He may have his faults, but dishonesty is not one of them," Mrs. Cobb said today in commenting on the charges involving her husband in baseball's latest scandal.

I believe that Mr. Cobb has completely answered the accusations," she added, "and I wish only to add that I know the charges are untrue in every detail. I know him better than anyone else. He has lived clean and played the game clean. His case is safe in his friends' hands."

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Innocence of any wrongdoing and that he never bet on a "fixed" ball game in his life were the claims today of "Smoky" Joe Woods, Yale baseball coach, who has been connected by Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis with the latest scandal in professional baseball. Woods said that he had bet on the game played between Detroit and Cleveland on September 25, 1919, but there was no agreement as to which team should win, as charged by Hubert "Dutch" Leonard.

BAPTIST PAGEANT SUNDAY

A Christmas pageant will be presented Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Central Baptist church.

A cordial invitation was extended to the public to attend.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

An appropriate Christmas program was rendered by the children of the Westside school this morning.

Presents were distributed by the children, the faithful janitor of the building being visited by "Santa Claus" representatives.

PRESENTS CIGARS

J. B. Cassells, district manager of Southern Bell Telephone Company, today presented the members of Albany-Decatur Kiwanis club with cigars. Appreciation was expressed for the club by President Jones in a few words.

PLANS HOLIDAY

City Clerk Henry Hartung, accompanied by Mrs. Hartung, will spend the Christmas holidays as the guests of relatives in Birmingham.

Auto Thefts Are Prevalent In City

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A wave of auto thefts sweeping over Montgomery has police authorities sorely puzzled. Over thirty cars have been stolen in as many days and a comparatively small number of these has been recovered.

In the cases of those recovered trace of the thieves has been missing, so that although authorities believe they will shortly find the thieves, little headway has been made.

At the same time a near epidemic of holdups, staged at night and specializing largely in filling stations and small all-night stands, has added to the unpleasantness of the situation.

EXPLOSION KILLS MOTHER AND BABE, 12 HOUSES BURN

Two Theories Worked Upon By Police In Accident

CELLAR STILL THOUGHT CAUSE

Many Are Rushed To Hospitals At Baldwin, N. Y.

BALDWIN, New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)

—A terrific explosion of undetermined origin today demolished twelve one-story buildings on Pipe Line Boulevard near the Long Island railroad station, causing the death of mother and her baby and injured a number of persons.

The police are investigating two theories as to the cause. The first and most generally believed was that gas from an escaping main caught fire and the second that a still in a cellar blew up.

Windows in business buildings over a wide area were shattered and the countryside for several miles around was rocked. The buildings caught fire and help from surrounding towns was summoned. The fires were extinguished without further spread.

Mrs. Samuel Acarbi, wife of a shoemaker, and her baby, were burned to death. They lived in the rear of a store. Acarbi was severely burned and cut by flying glass. A number of persons in the demolished houses also were injured and taken to hospitals.

The buildings destroyed comprised what was known as Parasal Row in the business section.

M. J. Mitchell, Jr., Arrives On Scene

Speeders are warned there is another Mitchell on the scene." By the Tri-Cities Daily, following the arrival of an eight pound son to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Mitchell, formerly of Albany, now of Sheffield field, where Mr. Mitchell is traffic officer. The Sheffield paper says:

"Sheffield speeders will be harassed by a second Mitchell motorcycle officer, since the arrival yesterday of eight pound M. J. Mitchell, Jr., who today is proudly wearing a Sheffield police badge although he is only 24 hours old.

"Both Mrs. Mitchell and the baby are doing fine. Officer Mitchell declared with assurity Monday morning that his heir would soon be old enough to handle a beat. Officer Mitchell received hundreds of congratulations."

Two Showered By Baptist Class

Christmas surprise showers of attractive gifts were given last night by the girls of Sunday school class of the Central Baptist church, to Mrs. W. P. Carter, at whose home their class meets each Sunday, and to Mrs. Kimball B. Jones, the teacher.

Plans Holiday

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BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Further charges that Benjamin Purnell violated young women members of his House of David colony were made in justice court today.

While Purnell again lay on a cot in the courtroom of Justice Florence Forhan, Mrs. Gladys Banford Rubel charged that Purnell mistreated her when she was 13 years old. She is a sister of Mrs. Ruth Banford Reed, who testified yesterday in Purnell's preliminary hearing on warrants charging statutory offenses against the two young women, former members of the cult.

Mrs. Rubel said Purnell told her he was the Son of Man, and could do no wrong.

Describing the alleged attack upon which her complaint is based, Mrs. Rubel testified that Mary Ranger and Myrtle Tulk and women colonists escorted her to Purnell's chamber in 1915 and Purnell attacked her. She said he informed her that if she knew the covenants of the faith, she would understand that what had happened was merely a ceremony which would cleanse her blood.

Purnell appeared to take a little more interest in today's proceedings. He reclined in a half sitting posture and stared keenly at the witness.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE

A midnight service will be held at St. Ann's Catholic church, beginning at twelve o'clock Christmas eve. The doors will open at 11:30 o'clock. The public was invited.

LEGISLATORS ARE PREPARING TO GO INTO STATE HALLS

Road Bond Issue Only Plan Likely To Be Under Fire

LOCAL BILLS TO BE DELAYED

Merger and Road law Proposed For The Regular Meeting

John Patterson and F. E. Burleson, Morgan county representatives, will leave this weekend for Montgomery, called into the extra session of the state legislature for the purpose of discussing the proposed \$25,000,000 bond issue. No local bill, with reference to Albany-Decatur or Morgan county, will be presented at the extra session which is convened on December 28.

With the probability that the \$25,000,000 road bond issue will be the principal attraction of the called session, it is not anticipated that the session will convene a great length of time. The bond issue, a pet of Governor-elect Graves, formed a part of the last gubernatorial campaign of the successful candidate.

Representative Patterson expects to leave Sunday for the state capital, while it is not yet known on what date Mr. Burleson will go to Montgomery.

Morgan county road bill and the merger bill, the latter providing for the merging of Albany, Decatur and Fairview, positively will not be submitted at the extra session, rather will those bills be presented on the first legislative day in which local bills are considered, after the convening of the regular session on January 11, 1927.

No intimation has been given regarding the passage or the failure of the \$25,000,000 bond proposal, in the halls of the legislature. The legislature goes to work under the assumption that the people are in favor of such a plan, else the new administration would have failed of election. Selection of the plan by the legislature does not necessarily mean, it is pointed out, that the issue will become a reality, the legislature voting only to submit the plan to the voters.

WOMAN ACCUSES 'KING BENJAMIN'

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OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

"These dizzy spells are really alarming," said the boss, as he read and re-read the new stenographer's batch of letters.

A society woman has a lizard which sits on her shoulder. Others have trained their pet reptile to walk by their sides and carry parcels.

Teacher—"Tommy, if you don't behave yourself, I shall have to take your name."

Outside, Tommy confided to his chums—"My teacher threatened to marry me, if I don't look out."

The surest way to avoid a surgical operation is not to have the hundred dollars.

Have you finished your Christmas shopping? We haven't started yet, either.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
The blessings of a lasting Peace be yours this Christmas Day—The same sweet Peace the wise men found in days long passed away.

And may the joy that came to them and filled their hearts with cheer—Be yours to give your happiness through the coming year.

If we had been Noah when he was offering sanctuary to various unsheltered creatures that time, we'd have had a final reckoning with the ant right then and there.

"Have you a Charles Dickens in your home?" asked a polite book agent.

"No," she snapped.
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WESLEY AUTHOR OF MANY HYMNS

"Hark Herald Angels Sing" One of His Best Known

The author of the beautiful Christmas hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," is Charles Wesley, says Rev. Hahn. Wesley was one of the most prolific hymn writers the Christian church has ever had. He was the eighteenth child of a family of nineteen children. A wealthy namesake wished to adopt him in childhood, but he declined to leave the parental roof.

Together with his brother, John, who became the founder of Methodism, he prepared himself for the gospel ministry. Both brothers did much in the way of hymn-writing. John rendered forty German hymns into English, while Charles wrote mostly original hymns.

The love of music and poetry was born in the Wesleys. Charles is said to have written more than seven thousand hymns in his life time.

"Hark, the Herald Angels sing" is one of eighteen which Wesley wrote on the Nativity of our Savior. It was written in 1739 and revised in 1743.

"W. L. Hunton writes of this hymn: 'It has found its way into many hymnals and has been so inseparably associated with Mendelssohn's melody as to make it stand out as one of the greatest of the favorite hymns for the Christmas time. Beautiful as are the words, we cannot help feeling that the music of the great master, Mendelssohn, has done much to sing into the hearts of the multitudes of Christians the beautiful Christmas message of the great Methodist hymn writer.'

"The hymn tells the story of the Saviour's birth in simple words, weaving into its fabric the song of the angels on the plains of Bethlehem in praise of the newborn King. It brings out the glorious mystery of the incarnation and its purpose for the fallen sons of Adam. It takes in such references from the Bible as Isaiah's prophecy of the Prince of Peace and Malachi's words of the Son of Righteousness risen with healing in His wings.

"It is a hymn which ought to be sung especially at this time when the divinity of Christ is denied and every effort is made to take the saving Christ out of the Christmas celebration."

That it's Christmas Eve!

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TODAY From The Daily of 12 Years Ago December 22, 1914.

After two days warmth the Decaturians are again feeling the icy grip of winter, the thermometer falling to 27.

The largest check ever received by the county for taxes came yesterday when the L. & N. paid \$23,663.31.

Joe Woods, Sidney Patterson and Leroy McEntire are home from the University of Alabama to spend the holidays.

E. D. Whitman is ill at his home in west New Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith will probably spend the Christmas holidays in Memphis.

This may be an age of specialization, but why does an evangelist have to be a contortionist?

We have yet to discover the man who has the same fervor present in breaking ice in the refrigerator and ice from a pail to get his morning wash.

Governor Bill Brandon was recently entertained at dinner. The Foley raid did not seem to hurt the governor's prestige one bit, all the social and political celebrities were present.

If your child is becoming skeptical regarding the existence of Santa Claus, hire a lawyer. If there's a technicality to be discovered the child will lose.

Mother is the best soul in the house, furthering the fact that good works and kind deeds do not always draw the largest rewards, mother usually gets a pair of cotton stockings Christmas morn.

Christmas cards are another means of telling friends that though the year has not been all you might have wished, that you are still a jolly good fellow and ready to play the game squarely in the future, as you have in the past.

Every word you utter concerning the welfare of these cities is going to have its effect, falling upon ears eager to hear, say good things when you speak of these cities, very soon you'll hear people saying good things about you.

Scientists say Americans are becoming soft, that they no longer hunt for adventures, leading them into danger. The scientists should try five minutes jay-walking if they care to learn the meaning of fallacy.

People may not be so good as they used to be, but they still believe in fairy stories, some even believe that Congress is going to work out a plan to save the farmer from this disastrous year.

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tection. The New York Times of November 26 comments editorially on the closing of a cotton mill at Ware, Mass., saying "This is not the first instance of mills closing down in order to move to the South near the source of raw material and where labor can be had cheaper. The trend has been evidenced for a number of years and has alarmed thoughtful economists of New England." It is time for New England to begin thinking, time for the South and Albany-Decatur to start acting. Some locality in the south is going to get a plant, working a substantial force of operatives. The people of Albany-Decatur will determine if this section will be benefited.

AN ANNUAL MESSAGE OF GOOD WILL AND GOOD CHEER.

Christmas morning will find numbers of Albany-Decatur churches open to the public, messages of good will, good cheer, stories of the Babe in the manger worth going to hear on the day of all days. Other churches will be open Sunday with Christmas messages, entirely appropriate on either occasion. It won't hurt to go to church both days, hearing such messages, hearing spiritual music, balm to the soul. Albany-Decatur will bow in reverence over this week-end, remembering the benevolence of the Great Giver, giving happiness, occasional sorrow to temper things, making the world a pleasant place in which to live. Albany-Decatur ministers urge you to attend Christmas services on these two memorable days, fill the churches, lend your personal influence in making the days reverent, observe in the real spirit of an old time Christmas.

HOW LARGE MUST WE GROW AND STILL MAINTAIN COMFORTS?

Everybody is talking a city of 50,000 people, Albany-Decatur people feel that a city of that size really is not far in the distant future, they have come to believe in their own communities, so strong do they believe that they are convincing when they are talking to others of the values to be found in potential wealth, in addition to what has already been built and brought here.

This would seem a peculiar time to discuss a subject pertaining to the discomforts of a large city, like counting chickens before hatching, but have you ever considered the comforts of the smaller city? It is refreshing to think of the comforts to be found here in Albany-Decatur at this time, comforts you will not find in cities of much greater population. Parking spaces on streets, service from establishments, friendships, the brotherly instinct when the fellow across the street comes along in the morning to walk down to the drug store to have a drink, all that sort of thing with the small town, you wouldn't find that in the greater cities. No one knows you there and cares less.

Yet, a city of 50,000 people is not to be termed within the "too large" class, that is why we are all so everlasting hard at it at this stage of the building to reach that set goal. Fifty thousand people are lots of folks, more than three times the number of people here now, but you will not find the discomforts of the larger city in a city of that size, in fact you will find many of the things you have found your city lacking in, amusements, diversions, away from the monotony, the sameness of small city life. Something new to do, that is the problem of the upper stratas and the lower stratas, what is there to do? Week in and week out the same thing, greeting friends, saying howdy, buying a drink, hustling for a salary at the end of the week, going to church on Sunday and then starting at the same thing again Monday. A city of 50,000 is the happy medium which will eliminate the humdrum sameness and do away with the discomforts of the larger city, that is the goal we are now striving for and the sooner we reach that point the better satisfied the whole people is going to be. Let's work now, tomorrow and the next day, every day of the coming year to reach that goal. That process is not so long as it may seem.

NEW YORK PROHIBITION RAIDS CONVINCE THE NATION.

Is the government in earnest when it says the prohibition laws were made to stick? Recent raids in New York and in Florida should convince the more skeptical that the government means business when it says that "thou shalt go dry this holiday." Fifty-eight night clubs in New York were padlocked, quite a number of people, including a sheriff and his deputy, have been placed under arrest in Florida, along with 30,000 quarts of booze. That should answer anybody's question regarding the seriousness of prohibition administrators. America is going to be dry if it takes one hundred years to accomplish that herculean feat.

Raids of New York night clubs and along the Florida coast will convince the rank and file of one thing, prohibition laws were not made for any particular class of people to observe, but for all people to observe. Every class of people come under the head of prohibition laws and violation will cost the so-called "higher up" just as much grief as the lowly fellow who can't get away from his two to half a dozen drinks a day. That has been one of the criticisms directed against the Volstead act, class violation, class modification.

The arrest of the better classes of the social strata will convince the man who is a little below the line on social standards that there is something more in observance of the law than mere talk.

Prohibition administrators mean for the law to stick, particularly at Christmas time when some people go in search of happiness, believing it is contained in a bottle.

Booze liquor will some day score the biggest victory for prohibition laws possible, people will come to the point where bootleg liquor cannot be consumed, it will become so vile that the seasoned campaigner will be unable to stomach even a small portion, then will prohibition be in force, for when the consumer ends the demand there the supply is likewise going to halt. Physicians tell of the dangers, writers quote paragraph after paragraph of the hundreds of thousands of cases in which bootleg liquor is taking a toll of life, of eyesight, of usefulness, but until bootleg liquor brings the lesson home to the individual there is still going to be failure recorded in the prohibition laws. Not a failure to the extent that all people will be consuming any brand or kind of whiskey they can find, but the morale built through the fact that organized society countenances drinking and in some cases encourages drinking. So long as Jones-Smith, Esquire, laughs behind his hand at the antics of the other fellow who is under the influence of bootleg liquor, just so long is prohibition going to be declared a failure. When America realizes the folly of consuming anything under the name of whiskey, then there is going to be an about face on the part of citizenship, Volsteadism is going to have hundreds of thousands of adherents, light wines and beer advocates will swing into the prohi ranks overnight. Bootleg liquor will build the strength of the Volstead law even as enforcement never will be able to do. The raids in New York and Florida, any raid on such a scale, will serve to convince the ordinary voter that the Volstead law is made to stick for every class of American citizen. Those raids have been worth much to the cause of prohibition.

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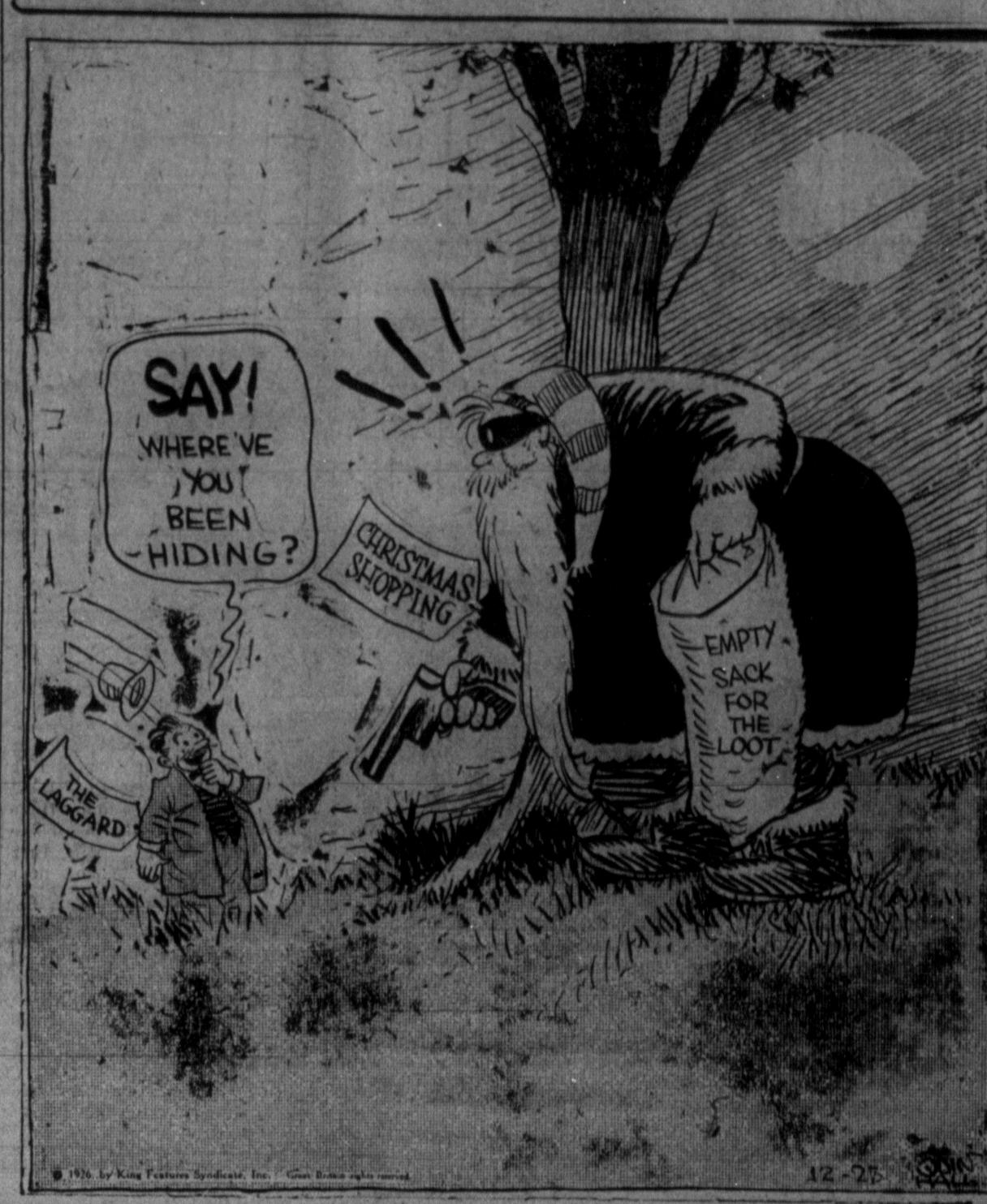
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THE HAPPY VICTIM OF A HOLD UP



Today:

By ARTHUR BRISBANE. (Copyright, 1926, by The Star Co., For Albany-Decatur Daily.)

In offering Mr. Brisbane's daily editorials The Daily does not necessarily concur with his opinions, but offers them as the sentiments of the highest paid editorial writer in this country.

SECRETARY WORK, of the Interior department who studies and understands national problems, has a big task as chairman of the mineral oil conservation board.

His problem is to prevent wastes and early exhaustion of this country's oil resources upon which 22,000,000 automobile owners, and millions of farm energies depend.

The country now is using up its oil about as fast as a young spendthrift uses an inheritance acquired without work.

HERE it was said "Beethoven is one of the five greatest men that ever lived." William Inglis of Detroit, who makes wire iron work and brass, asks "Who are the other four?"

They are Achimedes, science; Shakespeare, writing; Michelangelo, art; Newton, mathematics.

What name would you substitute? Not Alexander, Caesar or Napoleon who will be classified with the hooded cobra when men become civilized.

YOU might want a philosopher, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, or Bacon. But greatness in philosophy is a matter of opinion. You might want one of the great star men, Copernicus, Tycho-Brahe, Kepler, Galileo. But the five chosen will do. Try to beat them.

SPORTSMEN want cats and other destructive animals destroyed because they kill so many game birds. They are like the boy that couldn't let his smaller brother kill the big blue bottle fly, he wanted to kill it himself.

SHOT GUNS carrying many cartridges, ingenious "blinds," and decoys give the poor birds slight chance. Pound sportsmen are photographed with scores of dead ducks in rows behind them.

MR. E. T. GUNDLACH suggests that sportsmen devote some energy to taxidermy, mounting skillfully which they can easily learn to do, their finest specimens.

If they would devote ninety per cent of their time to mounting what they kill, that would give the birds, and deer a chance and, incidentally, prolong for some years the pleasure of killing.

AS THOUGHT Japan has not had enough trouble with her earthquakes, Lewis Noble, of the United States geological survey, says the Japanese islands, will fore, honor the champion.

The Views of Others

NEVER SPELL IT "XMAS." SO HOLY A DAY DESERVES REVERENT SPELLING.

Do not spell it "Xmas." This is the edict that has gone forth from a number of authorities. The custom of abbreviating the word Christmas is one long in use, but it nevertheless is a poor custom, for all the words in the English language Christmas is the one that should always be spelled out. To abbreviate it is to unintentionally show lack of reverence for the word and the great event it commemorates.

Very often "Xmas" is used to save time and space in advertising. Even this use of the word, justified by the need for economizing in space or time, is being discontinued. In the city of Seattle, Wash., a few days ago one hundred of the largest retail store managers appeared before the retail committee of the Chamber of Commerce and as a result of the meeting a resolution was unanimously adopted stating that "the executive committee of the retail trade bureau, representing the entire membership is of the unanimous opinion that the word "Christmas," insofar as retail stores are concerned, will always be written in full, and that under no condition will the word 'Xmas' be used in any advertising or signs, or on shipments made by the membership."

Similar action has been taken individually by many merchants in other cities and a number of newspapers have voiced protests against the abbreviated Christmas. The use of "Xmas" in the news columns is barred by practically all daily and many weekly newspapers.

It is held very generally that Christmas should call for the most reverential of treatment. It is a holy word if ever there was one, it commemorates the holiest event that ever has occurred on earth, the birth of the Christ, and it does its charm.

When we sit at the fireside, watching the bewitching figures that leap and dance in the crackling flames, the wraith mocks us. Or, pleasantly, it takes our hands and wends along the old familiar way to the home of our youth, leading down the well-remembered street wherein we know every house and every tree and every single face that passes.

It is the wraith of our childhood, and never can quite escape its charm.

Morgan Co. Bank Brings Box Cigars

A. H. Hoff, cashier Morgan County bank, greeted the Daily with the heartiest Christmas greeting in the form of an excellent box of cigars today. Profound appreciation is expressed from the members of the Daily forces to that ininstigation for its timely and thoughtful gift.

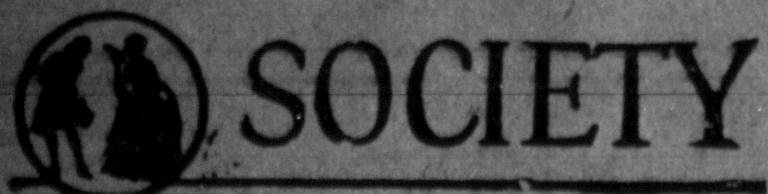
HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Clutie Bloodworth, supervisor of exceptional education of the Alabama department of education, will arrive tonight to spend the Christmas holiday period with her mother, Mrs. Mary Bloodworth, and other relatives here.

Answers to Health Queries

A. S. Q.—Is a 2% preparation of yellow oxide of mercury ointment

Due to weakness or poor circulation. A nervous condition might also be responsible. See your doctor.



MARGARET C. SHELTON—Phone Decatur 362.

BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM AT WESTMINSTER

A beautiful programme is being arranged for Sunday night at the Westminster Presbyterian church when a cantata entitled "The Angel's Choir" will be given under the direction of Mrs. R. C. Perkins. With Mrs. George Jackson at the organ. The following numbers will be given:

- Processional, Holy Night Silent Night—Choir.
- Invocation.
- "Hark What Music Fills The Sky"—Trio and Chorus.
- "There Came Three Kings", Barytone—Ernest N. Hart.
- "And There Were Shepherds".

AN UNIQUE BIT OF JEWELRY

THIS description aptly fits these sterling silver perfume roses. For brooch, shoulder pin or soutour. Irresistible in their appeal to the woman who admires lovely creations.

PEW**NELSON'S Jewelry Store**BANK STREET
Phone 108**"Say It With Flowers"****CHRISTMAS PLANTS**

begonias, cyclamen, poinsettias, prim roses.

CUT FLOWERS—Roses, carnations and chrysanthemums.

NICE ASSORTMENT OF BASKETS AND CARDS

CITY PARK FLOWER SHOPPrincess Theatre Building
Second Ave.
Phone Albany 105**PIGGY WIGGLY**

CLOSED ALL DAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th
At this time when you are thinking more of the happiness of others let the PIGGY WIGGLY help you. Our prices will make your money go further and get higher quality merchandise than elsewhere. The Piggly Wiggly thanks each of you for your support and we wish you one and all a Merry Xmas. Here are a few of the specials today and tomorrow:

Oranges, any size, per box	\$3.50
Roman Beauty Apples, per box	\$2.25
Piggly Wiggly Flour Plain or Self-Rising 24-lb. Bag	\$1.10
Mixed Nuts, per pound	25c
All 5c Candies, 3 for	10c
Fresh Country Eggs, per doz.	45c
Maxwell House Coffee, 1-lb. Can	45c
Your Luck Coffee, 1-lb. Can	45c
English Walnuts, per pound	29c

We have a few of them Coaster Wagons left—better get one; \$3.89 and it is yours.

DECATUR PIGGY WIGGLY ALBANY

A Sunny Corner

By Annette Bradshaw.



A SUNNY corner in a small apartment is the paradise of the city cliff dweller! And, of course, it is the unusually large and attractive window that forms the center of interest and charm in this diminutive boudoir of a room. The draperies are brightly colored cretonnes with warm rose colors predominating and tied back with silken cords. The curtains are of silk net in a soft shade of gold, topped by the valance in a rich shade.

See how cleverly the radiator is concealed in a box that in those not-so-hot days provides a neat and convenient window seat. The gaily colored screen blends in with the draperies, and the lamp shades and cushion furnish the blue and

yellow requisite in all well-decorated rooms. The large chair assures hours of perfect comfort with books and cigarettes within easy reach on nearby tables.

Every woman should realize the treasure she has in a large sunny window like this one. First and foremost, a window is a thing of utility, but it is adornment that makes it a joy forever. And it is the perfect taste in adornment that causes no one to suspect the unpretentiousness of this room. For the window gives that air of spaciousness which we all desire to create. This creation is an art in which any woman can become efficient. But often in her desire to make the most of the Lilliputian dimensions of her living-room she causes a nightmare of congested confusion.

Schaffer, Marjory Davis, Geneva Hough Penney, Mary Perry, Louise Watkins and Margaret Patterson.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

The latest meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. J. N. Gibson on East Lafayette street.

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. W. H. Winton, after which business of the union was transacted. Miss Ellen Groendyke read "The Youngest Thief," a pathetic story by Margaret E. Sangster.

It was decided to have religious services conducted at the jail on Sunday, December 26th. The inmates will be remembered with baskets of fruit on Christmas.

PARTY ENJOYED

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Watson, of Fairview, entertained a few friends at her home Monday evening, honoring her niece, Miss Sadie Minnietree, of Pulaski. Many games were played and the evening was enjoyed by the following guests: Misses Alma Murphy, Sadie Minnietree, Minnie Phillips, Frances Murphy, Lizzie Phillips, Messrs. John Watson, Oscar Pope, Briscoe, McMahon.

MARRIED LADIES BRIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. R. G. Cortner was a bridge

hostess of Wednesday, having as her guests the members of the Married Ladies Bridge Club, supplemented by Mrs. J. R. Smiley, Mrs. A. E. Humphrey and Mrs. Warren Gardner.

Mrs. Smiley won the visitor's club souvenir.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT CHURCH.

The Beginners and Primary departments of the Central Baptist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the church on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

All members of these departments are cordially invited.

PERSONALS

J. Will McKee of Somerville, route 4, has returned to his home after a business visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKee will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hitt at Hillsboro, Ala.

Mrs. Brooks will leave Friday for Thatch, Ala., where she will be the holiday guest of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pick.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McKee and children, will spend the holidays with his father, C. J. McKee at Eva.

Mrs. H. O. Cline has as her Christmas guests, Miss Katherine Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barrett, of Little Rock, Ark.; Orville Cline, late of El Paso, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cline and daughter, Edna, of Birmingham. Mrs. C. W. Royer of Pittsburgh, Penn., is expected to arrive Christmas morning to be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Cline, also.

Lee Robertson, who is a student of Emory College, at Atlanta, Ga., is at home for the holiday season.

Miss Margaret Robertson, who teaches at Sheffield, and Miss Elizabeth Robertson, member of the faculty of the Cherokee schools, will arrive Thursday afternoon to spend the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McKee and son, Howard, will be the holiday guests of their father, C. J. McKee, in Eva.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Penney and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Penney and family expect to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. W. E. Penney, in Huntsville.

B. F. Holmes, of Dallas, Texas, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with his family here.

Mrs. B. F. Holmes, who is suffering from an attack of pneumonia at the Benevolent hospital, is reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ritter are spending the holiday season with

night to be the guest of her sisters, Misses Billy and Lucile Lamont, through the holidays.

Mrs. Comer Ezell is suffering an attack of flu at her home on Line street.

Miss Margaret Matthews is ill at her home on Fourth avenue, South.

Miss Lois Walsh continues to improve at the Benevolent hospital after an operation there.

Mrs. Charles Rountree is recuperating from an illness at her home on Grant street.

Miss Elsie Evans, student of Womans College, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hefner and two children will leave Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duffey will leave Friday to spend the holidays with relatives in Gurley. En route home they will probably visit her sister in Huntsville.

SPECIAL UNTIL CHRISTMAS

With each hair cut we will give plain shampoo or round curl for 25c extra. Give her a Eugene Permanent Wave for Christmas—\$9.

MOYE'S BEAUTY PARLOR

Special Service At First Presbyterian

Special Christmas services were conducted last night by the Sunday

school of the First Presbyterian church, Decatur, the occasion being featured by several readings and chorus numbers by groups of the younger children.

PRINCESS THEATRE, ALBANY

Tonight 8:30—Matinee Thursday 3:00 p.m.

BEN-HUR

by General Lew Wallace

PRICES

Nights, \$1.10, \$1.65

Matinee, 50c, 75c,

\$1.10

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Open Friday Night Until 10:00 P. M.

We Have Everything In Fruits, Nuts and Candies
See Our Price and Quality B-4-U Buy**PICNIC HAMS—Lb.**

24c

FIGS8-oz. Pkg. 10c
Bulk, lb. 19c**DATES**Hallow Stuffed, lb. 35c
Dromedary
Golden, Pkg. 23c

PEAS—Iona Tender Garden, 2 No. 2 cans.....

25c

PEARS—Iona Tender Sugar, No. 2 can.....

13c

BELL'S POULTRY SEASONING, 1½-oz. Pkg.

10c

GUAVA JELLY, 10-oz. Jar.....

39c

SULTANA JELLY, 2-oz. Jar with Pectin.....

12c

MARASCHINO CHERRIES, 3-oz. Bottle

10c

Ocean Spray, Cape Cod Cranberry SAUCE—No. 1½ can

23c

PUMPKIN—No. 3 can

15c

Fruit Cake

SUN SHINE

1 lb.
2 lbs.
4 lbs.75c
\$1.50
\$3.00**CHOCOLATES**

Dainty Bulk, lb.

19c

Carnival Assorted, 1-lb. box.....

45c

ATMORE'S Bulk, lb.

25c

FIG PRESERVES, Sloan's, 10½-oz. Jar

25c

Sweet Pickle PEACHES, No. 2½ can.....

33c

Sultana Broken Slice PINEAPPLE, No. 2½ can.....

25c

Campfire MARSHMALLOWS, 10-oz. can.....

29c

INGLESIDE SYRUP, No. 1½ can.....

16c

COFFEE

8 O'CLOCK—Pure Santos, lb.

35c

RED CIRCLE—Its Flavor Is Sure to Win You, lb.

43c

BOKAR—America's Finest Blend, lb.

49c

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CLOSING TIME, 10:30 A. M.

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TRY A 3 OR 6-TIME AD

It costs proportionately less and produces more.

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ALBANY 46

Carrier subscribers residing in Albany or Decatur may now phone their want ads to The Daily office and carrier boy will collect. A collection fee of 5 cents per want ad is charged when phoned in.

FOR SALE—18 acres land, 10 acres land both within 20 minutes drive of Albany. Real estate both in city and country. Look me up. Thornhill.

FOR SALE—Winshields, any cars by C. E. Malone. 27-tf

FOR SALE—Nine hundred pounds finest paper shell pecans. Just arrived, for sale 50 cents per pound. S. B. Burr. 23-3t

For Rent

FOR RENT—Will repair for good tenant my residence on Gordon Drive, No. 504, installing heaters for both apartments, renting the entire for \$50.00 per month. Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders. Apply to L. B. Wyatt & Son. 22-tf

FOR RENT—House and ten acres of land, inside the corporate limits. Call Albany 536. 21-3t

FOR RENT—Four room apartment and bath, recently remodeled. Garage. 340 Sherman St. Couple desired. Apply Mrs. Mary P. Littlejohn, Phone 496, Decatur. Hot and cold water. 21-3t

FOR RENT—Two or three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, light, gas, telephone, garage. Apply 301 West Church or Phone Decatur 38-W. 21-3t

DUMB DORA

NOW THAT I'VE DECIDED I'M IN LOVE WITH BRICKY, I DON'T GET A BIT JEALOUS TO SEE FLORY AND ROD KISSING

SHOP HERE

Our prices will make Christmas more bountiful

SEARS STORE

HOME FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished. 215 E. Walnut. Call Albany 790. 21-3

FOR RENT—One furnished room, close in, very convenient. Rent below customary prices; also 4 rooms unfurnished. See Mrs. Jennings, 325 Grant St. 20-3t

WANTED

WANTED—Cordwood. Alabama Brick & Tile Co. N24-tfc

LOST OR FOUND

LOST—Pistol, 32 S. & W. Reward for return to Daily office. 22-3t

FOUND—Gold Knight Templar Charm. May be recovered by owner on identification at Nelson's Jewelry Store. 23-3t

Miscellaneous

BRING your burnt and broken stove and furnace castings to Jervis Foundry & Machine Co. We make new ones. 11-tfc

CHIROPRASTIST—Dr. Freuler removes all foot ailments at Mosley Shoe Co., Albany, Ala. 18-6t

SEVERAL MEN TO DO SPECIAL work; salary \$35 per week up; age not barred, but willing workers wanted. Chance to make permanent connection with good pay. Give age in first letter, enclosing stamped envelope for reply. Address W. L. 108 Seymour St., New Britain, Conn. 12-8-4mo.

UNFURNISHED 4-room apartment with bath, on ground floor, private entrance, with conveniences. 1-2 block of Second Ave. Apply 239 Johnston St. Phone Albany 383-W. 21-3t

WE NEED your business and will appreciate it. We wash and repair cars, charge batteries. All work guaranteed. Give us a trial. New 1927 Fords for hire. Hill's U-Drive-It Station. 21-3t

PLACE your order now for your Christmas cakes and candy, home-made. Decatur Dairy and Delicatessen, 110 E. Walnut. Phone Decatur 104. 16-6t

MORTGAGE LOANS—Unlimited funds to loan at low interest rates on improved Albany-Decatur property. Allison & Woods. 12-11-imo

SPECIAL PRICES ON PIANOS

We have a good selection of pianos, players and straight, both new and second hand, we will sell at a big discount for Christmas. Call on us before you buy and we will save you money on a fine piano for your home. We have a lot of Phonographs will sell cheap. All sold on easy terms. Call today. E. E. Forbes & Sons Piano Co., J. H. Callahan, Mgr., 405 Second Ave. Phone Albany 197. 22-3t

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS—We will close Friday at noon and will be closed until Tuesday morning. H. & H. Machine Works. 22-3t

RADIO STATION B-U-G We broadcast every day except Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Program—SERVICE

WOODALL ELECTRIC SHOP Experienced and Reliable. Phone 64-222 Grant St.

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GOOD YEAR
Mae's Good Wear

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Ice & Coal Company, a corporation will be held at its office in Decatur, Alabama, on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1927, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Notice is further given that at a regular meeting of the directors of the Decatur Ice & Coal Company, it was proposed that the capital stock of the Decatur Ice & Coal Company should be increased from \$75,000.00 to \$125,000.00, and that a call for such increase should be made at the aforesaid regular meeting of the stockholders, pursuant to such action of the directors, notice is hereby given that at the said regular meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Ice & Coal Company at the time and place aforesaid a proposition will be made to increase the capital stock of the Decatur Ice & Coal Company from \$75,000.00 to \$125,000.00.

T. J. JONES,
Secretary.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
J. W. BURNETT
V. B.
ODESSA BURNETT
Circuit Court, Morgan County, Alabama. In Equity.

In this cause, it appears to the Register, from the affidavit of Solicitor for complainant, that the residence and post office address of defendant Odessa Burnett are unknown, after diligent effort to bany-Decatur Daily, a newspaper published in Morgan County, relearn the same. It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Alquiring said defendant to plead, answer or demur to the bill in this cause by January 16, 1927, or in thirty days thereafter a decree pro confesso may be taken against her.

This December 16, 1926.
MARVIN WEST, Register.
Dec. 16-23-30-Jan. 6

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By RUSS WESTOVER

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Box and Basket company, will be held at its offices in Decatur, Ala., on Thursday the 13th day of January, 1927, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before that body.

T. J. JONES,
Secretary.
Dec. 9-18-23-30.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE
The State of Alabama, Morgan County—Probate Court.
To Emma Williford, Pine Bluff,

Arkansas; Carrie Terry, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Willie Rost, West Virginia, whose particular address is unknown:

You will please take notice that on the 4th day of December, 1926, a certain paper in writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Maggie Rost was filed in my office for probate, by A. Rost and that the 10th day of January, 1927, was appointed a day for the hearing thereof, at which time you can appear and contest the same if you see proper.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of December, 1926.

L. P. TROUP,
Judge of Probate.

9-16-23

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"DON'T TELL THE WIFE," starring Irene Rich, is a Warner Bros. picturization of this novel.

SYNOPSIS

Ranny Forbes, star polo player, and his beautiful wife, Joan, are temperamental misfits. Joan wants a divorce. Ranny hesitates, loving her, although secretly knowing she loves Abner Gratzman. While they are guests on a weekend cruise on the Stivner yacht, a widow, Clare, camps Ranny, arousing Stivner's jealousy. Ranny avows Clare means nothing to him, mollifying Stivner. Ranny punishes Abner in a way that nearly costs his life and Joan's, and his chums confer mysteriously on another scheme. The guests are consumed with curiosity when they hear Ranny say his motto now is "Don't Tell the Wife!"

"Work you are ideally fitted for," she commented maliciously.

"Oh, I say, now, Joan—don't go on cherishing rage over a harmless prank that just got a bit out of hand. I regret it all. And I'm willing to go to any lengths to set myself four-square with you and Abner. Fact is, I've invited him up tonight so that we three can talk things over—"

"What's—WHAT?"

"I said I've asked Abner to come here tonight. Listen, Joan, I know things are hopelessly out of whack between you and I—"

"Really, your discernment is remarkable—almost psychic!"

"—and more than anything else in the world I want to see you happy."

"What touching nobility!"

"Please, Joan, save your sarcasm until you've heard me out. I propose to let you and Abner have each other, since that seems to be what that will make you happiest."

"But," she snapped icily, "that's all very well for you to suddenly become so broad-minded about MR. but you're overlooking the fact that you're views and mine of morals are radically opposed. You cannot understand that a virtuous woman, enthralled by marriage, will still have her heart's inclinations."

"But divorce ends the need for grudges, and I'm going to arrange a divorce for you."

"Ranny!" joyfully, incredulously, "you're really going to give me a divorce?"

"I am. That's why I've sent for Abner. To tell you my plans; to give you both a little fatherly advice."

"Ranny, you old dear, I knew that some day your instinct of fair play would be touched, and that you'd do the sporting thing! I'm willing to forgive you anything now, even broaching—that's a strange role for you."

"It isn't that I want to preach, exactly, but out of my experience as a benedic—my sad experience, I might say—there are a few mortal hints I can give a lad with a twenty thousand a year income about supporting a wife accustomed to using five hundred thousand a year of her husband's money."

"How do you know Abner's income?" with quick interest.

"Stivner's bank is trustee for the Gratzman estate. Of course, Abner needn't worry much about his own rather impoverished circumstances, though, because the million odd a year that you have in your own right will help out. A marriage for love, eh? Of course you are madly in love with him, Joan?"

"Well, yes, I guess—don't say madly, though, old dear. Don't exaggerate," she said slowly, rather thoughtfully.

"Then, also, I think I'd ought to advise him to take up athletics—exercise, gymnasium, and that sort of thing."

The sum total of information that Ranny could get out of Joan's personal maid by bribery and cajolery was:

"Madame sees packing, sir. She goes to Europe so soon she gets fine, Monsieur!"

He bluffed and bullied his way into her boudoir one night, finally. The stare Joan turned upon him was utterly impersonal, profoundly indifferent.

"You needn't look so plagued remote—as though you had never seen this poor fish before!" he began, lamely and mirthlessly, and very white of face.

No answer.

"I—I—there's something I think you ought to know, Joan," he went on them. As he talked he grew a little more confident. Not at all bumptious, though. Not the Ranny of old, taking things for granted. Serious. Serious and businesslike.

"I'm going away," he explained hurriedly. "There's no need for you to leave here. I'm going to clear out. I realize the mess things have become—the mess that I've made of them. I won't tax your patience by trying to explain anything. I'll just go—out of your life forever—like a bad dream!"

Ranny had practiced that line in front of his mirror until he had got just the right wrinkle of wistful pathos into his brow and the most dramatic quaver possible in his voice. He had figured it would make a great dent in Joan's coldness. But:

"Indeed! How interesting!" she intoned musically, in exactly the same way she would have done if the footman had told her he had an growing tooth.

Cold sweat started upon Ranny's forehead, but he stuck to his appointed conduct and words, and gulped:

"I've put a deal through with Livingston Stivner. He's taken me into a sort of partnership. It's a jolly enough job, too. I'm a sort of

like me—ahem, if I must say it myself—so that it—he—he—gives—gives you no legal or moral justification for canning him. There are no possible grounds for you to sue me, except—"

"Well!" aggressively.

"Well, cruelty—and as Heaven is my witness, I've never been that!"

"Of course, the night of terror you subjected me to last week was an act of loving kindness!"

(To be continued)

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